

[54] TWO PART SNAP HINGE

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An improved two part snap hinge is disclosed, including a swinging hinge portion, a reference hinge portion, and a reduced connecting hinge portion, and in which the reduced connecting portion is integral with both the swinging and reference hinge portions and extends continuously between two points in a path which is displaced from the straight line therebetween, and which lies in a plane substantially perpendicular to the plane of the reference hinge portion. In this manner, upon swinging the swinging portion about the reduced connecting portion, it swings through an intermediate position, on either side of which forces are created which tend to urge the swingable portion in a predetermined direction.

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